

systemic effect of claim 1 wherein the quantity of nomegestrol or of one of its esters or ethers is about 0.4% by weight of the total composition.

Claim 6 (amended) A topical hormonal composition with systemic effect of claim 1 containing at least one solubilizing agent selected from the group consisting of water, alcohols, propyleneglycol and C₈/C₁₀ of polyoxyethylene glycosyl glyceride. ✓

Claim 7 (amended) A topical hormonal composition with systemic effect of claim 1 wherein the solubilizing agent is a ternary mixture of 95% ethanol/water/propyleneglycol, in which the percentage of 95% ethanol is 30 to 50%, that of water is 30 to 60% and that of propyleneglycol is 2 to 20%.

Claim 8 (amended) A topical hormonal composition with systemic effect of claim 1 containing a solubilizing agent of quaternary mixture of 95% ethanol/water/C₈/C₁₀ of polyoxyethylene glycosyl glyceride, propyleneglycol, in which the percentage of 95% ethanol is 30 to 50%, that of water is 30 to 60%, that of the glyceride is 3 to 7% and that of propyleneglycol is 2 to 20%.

Claim 9 (amended) A topical hormonal composition with systemic effect of claim 1 containing an absorption promoter selected from the group consisting of isopropylideneglycerol, α -tocopheryl polyethyleneglycol 1000 succinate and monoethyl ether of diethylene glycol.

Claim 10 (amended) A topical hormonal composition with systemic effect of claim 9 wherein the absorption promoter is isopropylideneglycerol.

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Claim 11 (amended) A topical hormonal composition with systemic effect of claim 1 containing a gelling agent selected from the group consisting of cellulose derivatives and acrylic derivatives.

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Claim 12 (amended) A topical hormonal composition with systemic effect of claim 11 containing hydroxypropylmethylcellulose.

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Claim 13 (amended) A topical hormonal composition with systemic effect of claim 11 containing a carbomer.

Sub C2

Claim 14 (amended) A topical hormonal composition with systemic effect of claim 1 containing a film-forming agent selected from the group consisting of cellulose derivatives, methacrylic derivatives and polyvinylpyrrolidone derivatives.

Claim 15 (amended) A topical hormonal composition with systemic effect of claim 14 containing hydroxypropylmethylcellulose acetate succinate.

Claim 16 (amended) A topical hormonal composition with systemic effect of claim 14 containing an aqueous dispersion of an anionic copolymer of methacrylic acid and ethyl acrylate as the film-forming agent.

Claim 17 (amended) A topical hormonal composition with systemic effect of claim 1 in the form of a gel or a film-forming gel containing an aqueous-alcoholic mixture with 8% of propylene glycol and 3% of isopropylidene glycerol.

Cancel claims 2 and 4.